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- 2 Whereas: The Student Government of the University of North Florida was established to represent student
3 concerns in all University wide matters, and;
- 4 Whereas: The Senate is the legislative body of the University of North Florida's Student Government given
5 the responsibility of carrying out such legislative acts that are necessary and proper for the Student
6 Body of the University of North Florida, and;
- 7 Whereas: Legislation dealing with necessary and proper statutory revisions to the System of Statutes shall
8 be considered by the Senate, and;
- 9 Whereas: In the case of a faltering and unabashedly egregious exploitation of power and conflict with the
10 Constitution, revisions must be made, and;
- 11 Whereas: It would be a conflict of interest for the Attorney General to offer legal counsel to a student or
12 party which they are prosecuting, and;
- 13 Whereas: It is essential for students to have access to legal counsel when accused of violations under the
14 purview of Student Government, and;
- 15 Whereas: Title III, Chapter 306 defines the duties of the Student Advocate.
- 16 Therefore: The following necessary and proper revisions to the Student Government System of Statutes are
17 being proposed in an effort to ensure future compliance with the law and the balance of our
18 democratic system.
- 19 Chapter 306: Student Advocate
- 20 306.1 Student Advocate
- 21 A. The Student Advocate shall be responsible for representing the interests of the Student Body,
22 as expressed through the President, to the faculty and administration on all major academic related
23 programs or initiatives of the University.
- 24 B. The Student Advocate shall serve as a Student Liaison through the Student Government to
25 assist Students with problems, concerns, and complaints, such as those involving academics and
26 the administration, through informal means such as counseling, negotiation, and mediation.
- 27 C. The Student Advocate shall be responsible for researching and developing programs for the
28 President that improve the University of North Florida campus and affect students on a daily
29 basis.



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D. The Student Advocate shall serve as the Chief Public Defender for Student Government, barring a conflict of interest, and shall, upon request, provide defense counsel to any party concerning matters under the purview of Student Government.

E. The Student Advocate is appointed by the President, subject to confirmation by the Senate.

Therefore: Let it be enacted that the following changes to Title III be made effective immediately upon passage.

Legislative Action

Author: Cole Poppell
Sponsor: Senator Samantha Mims
Committee: Constitution and Statutes
Committee Action: 6-0-0
Senate Action: 22-0-0
Date of Action: 9/12/2016

Signed and Delivered to the Student Body President
on this 19 day of Sep., 2016.

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Signed: _____

Dallas Burke, Student Senate President

Executive Action

Let it be known that SB-16F-3028 is hereby

APPROVED / VETOED

on this 26th day of September 2016.

Signed, _____

Caleb Grantham, Student Body President

Signed and Delivered to the Senate Secretary

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